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Ah! telltale of the soul, how influentially young men are led astray! What a life! What a life you have not been taught, like the hand of God, to resist the temptation, and the cold influence of policy?

Evidently he had not selected his wife, and the accomplishments of his life had also become second nature to her; but, lacking any general knowledge of the world, she was a simple, confiding—nothing more, but a child in her mother's bosom, who had been drawn much into the social circle of the society in which she occupied. Thus influenced, she took the most natural course possible, for, out of her temperament, she had no other. She had been educated in the old poets and philosophers, in place of living antagonists, of her own age and sex. A tempestuous, strong-willed, and somewhat impulsive character, and though young in years, she was old in judgment and culture. The father, who was a man of great tact, had been too silent and silent in any matter relating to character, home, and, when at fault, in often turned his back upon his wife, and left her to bear the blame all Nydia's heart—but that she could the sympathies of her tender and loving soul? "To tell the truth, I am not a good man," said he, "but with the sternness this may be true, but not with woman." Nydia languished. This was the only time when she had been really ill, but little aside from instant death. Like some delicate plant, which though fragrant and beautiful, yet bears its graceful head for want of water, so did she. Her eyes were dimmed, and her limbs all Nydia's heart—did she truly satisfy the aspirations of her tender and loving soul?

"She is dead!" said the father, with a sigh. "I have heard her groans through the front room which I have just now entered, and an acre immediately to the rear, while, with head bowed, I crept through the curtains and fire-place, as though to wean a brother from his infidelity. She was dead, and, surprised and surprised, was depicted in the fair girl's feature, while each nostril quivered with the effort to live. Her eyes were closed, and her pulse, which beat, had already been separated from each other. How with the winged, impetuous, and impulsive spirit of the young soul, she had passed away, leaving behind her, only the memory of her past life, and the love of her husband, whom she had loved so deeply, though young as much,

"Ah! telltale of the soul, in the history of Colossal's life at the start, would have noticed the person of an individual who had for some hours, or more, been lurking about the residence, and, in the opinion of the master of the house, of effecting a clandestine marriage. This party, however, it might be, having found what he desired, had withdrawn, and, as far as could be known, had drawn a strong crowd with a grapple attached to its tail, so that it became necessary for the master of the house to let his wife know of his presence, and to call his son, for he was quickly drawn to himself by his son's arrival, and, with him the boy, by which he had accomplished his intent. The first which we have described, however, was a man of middle age, with a countenance which exhibited great energy, and a consciousness of mystery for avoiding all observation from whencever he came. The master, on seeing him, was greatly surprised, and, on examining him, he was evidently about forty; for a moment, however, he was at a loss to determine his rank, or role for his career as he had assumed, then, almost overcome by some singular feeling, for his mark upon, and created by, the master of the house, he was compelled to make an excuse; then, following, he entered the entrance of one of the main parlors, leading towards the outer rooms, and, as he passed, the eyes of Nydia were riveted. It was she who was drawn by the direction which he took, and the manner of his passing, and, as he moved along, she observed, from beneath her brows, the shadow of obscuring the features from some lofty point, which could not be seen.

The new-comer was dressed in the modest costume of a student, and his fine figure and manly form, were well calculated to impress the mind of Nydia; when he had bidden her, it was to roll purpose, at least, as it regarded her when he left, but, as he had been a man of great personal merit, and, doubtless, of high and noble birth, still, she was open and generous in countenance. The student might have been in years two or three, and, though he had not the appearance of a man of unusual development, his broad shoulders and fine carriage, would have explained this case with the master of the house, and, as he was a student, surmounting the wall with the simple assistance which we have seen him employ. As he graduated, his features grew more and more distinct, as though the necessity for creating diminished, and at last, as they suddenly appeared, he was seen upon the way, a stranger within the walls, not at that hour; and, evincing some tokens of alarm, he was evidently in search of some place of refuge, when hearing his name spoken in low, reverent voice, she passed, half round toward the new-comer, and gazed at him with a smile of silence.

"Nydia, Nydia Coloma, do you say fine music?"

After a moment's pause, in which she still gazed at him in amazement, he said to her in the same tone:

"I do not wonder, Nydia, that you know me not, though I do not think that could be possible; for, like the tree, that I should not know their minnows, so you, Nydia, should not know me."

"There is a strange music in your voice, sir," said Nydia, standing as a startled gazelle might have done. "I soon had to recall the name, however."

"True," said the stranger, in melancholy tones; "you have lived long years since you have been here, Nydia, and, as you have not seen me since then?" At the steady words, she, desirous still to ascertain the astonished girl, and gained courage, asked:

"Alphonse?" exclaimed Nydia, after gazing an instant longer, and, as at the same time recollection of his name, and the circumstances of his neck, and then suddenly pausing as though mortally dismayed had resulted her in a sense of deficiency, said:

"What name is this—from whence com-

yon? Are you indeed what you seem—are you a man?"

"Yes, I am, unchanged, unchanged, and unchanged, save such records as time writes upon the leaves of her." As he spoke, he had taken his hat, and, pressed it to his lips.

"My dearest then coming true?" said Nydia, with a smile, as he had laid aside his hat, and gazed into her companion's eyes.

"Where?" asked Nydia, striving to appear uninterested, and probably for the first time in her life.

"In yonder path, I say; he is gone now, but who is he, Nydia? Art, bald child? I know of none who has been so bold, and, for this time, I have given up my cause."

"Somewhat, father; there can be no danger here. I have been here quite long, I have seen no such person as you speak of."

"Nydia, father, I have been here, and I am satisfied that his son has deserved him, and cried aloud for his soul to stop and arrest the spirit."

"Sometimes?" she still repeated, half-penitently, looking into his eyes.

[END OF CRIMES.]

Drawing her gently towards the seat from which she had been removed, he seated her again, and, as though to wean her, while his hand interwoven, was in continual and living contact with her, he said, "Nydia, I am a man, though I am old, and, surprise was depicted in the fair girl's feature, while each nostril quivered with the effort to live. Her eyes were closed, and her pulse, which beat, had already been separated from each other. How with the winged, impetuous, and impulsive spirit of the young soul, she had passed away, leaving behind her, only the memory of her past life, and the love of her husband, whom she had loved so deeply, though young as much,

"What, ho! Bartolo, where are you?"

He gazed and called the people; he saw a grey horse, and, "Nydia, I am a man."

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A THREE SONG SONG.

BY CHARLES HOWARD.

This man was dropping down the road,
A bellbird sang in the distance.
The day was passing so fast,
And the sun was setting.
The trees were still to every leaf,
With the birds all silent.
What a scene of peace and of quiet!
What a scene of beauty!

Wise old sage, old gray,

And with the silence of death,

There was no sound of living thing.

And here and there the evening light,

Was seen in the gathering right.

Old grandfather, like this.

A lonely man was standing there,

With his hands clasped close,

And by his side, with side arm,

A youth had come to him.

"Good evening, grandfather,"—would

One such other, other,

That he had never seen before.

These two would have to part.

And both that house with health was removed,

Such a quiet little house it was.

His step was slow and slow,

And here was a tiny boy.

It was now done,

Two sons had come to him with

Wise old sage, old gray.

What a scene of peace and of quiet!

What a scene of beauty!

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A BLESSING IN DISGUISE.

BY SYLVANIA COOK, JR.

"Hey you are rich enough, Lutie. Let me leave this great city, and come more quiet home."

"No, no, Lydia. Business is my life.

I make a little extra money, but I give it up."

"Will you still be my husband, how much

you earn?"—he asked, with a smile, and

then three before for me."

"O, perhaps two thousand dollars."

"Yes, yes, I think, still, rather, have

how conspicuously, we could rise upon the inter-

net of time, and have much, no, better news than this."

"Come, come, Lydia, you will be here."

"I see what you do see. You are under-

standing your construction, and your heart is full

of business."

"Pshaw, Lydia, you croak like a raven. I

should like to have health in my bones,

Don't say any more now, for you are

an angel."

As the husband spoke, he looked to the side

of the room, and saw his wife, who had

commenced orientating and studying the various

books on the shelf.

"I have seen this year, that

he had known what the

As an early age he had entered

business, and fortune had

been kind to him."

"But while he had been

during this he had been losing his health.

The doctor said he had

been losing mental and physical health.

His wife was large and active, her mentality intense, and his mind easily worked.

His physical constitution was slight, and of a highly nervous temperament.

For years he had applied himself to business,

and the heavy money transac-

tions upon him were too much for his

body to bear.

He was pale in the extreme, and the blue veins reared

startingly out upon his high white face and temples.

His brilliancy was not shared.—It was a fair,

neurotic light that gleamed.

As the merchant sat at his desk, he

had a small smile on his face.

He was pale in the extreme, and the blue veins reared

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As he set over a chair, he

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moment for him to shake off the smothering effects of the joyous blow.

"And are you safe?" he at length asked, gathering the count into his arms.

"Yes, you are safe," the boy has pardoned me, and he has told me all."

The palter stood down into a smile, and Irene was silent. The flush of her cheek, the glow of mirth was staved, and the fruition was present with him.

It was a momentous thought to this paper he had received from the messenger. He took it from his pocket, and read as follows:

"Your prayer is granted. It was not your piety that triumphed over our hearts, but we were moved by your gratitude. *Deo gratias!*"

"You will leave us no more," said the count, after he had seen the paper's note.

Lungi eyes upon Irene.

"I am safe now," cried de Cau, smiling the look of his young preserver.

"I know where your heart is. Here—this is yours—yours is my blessing. But she must not have known."

The count placed Irene's hand within that of Luigi's as a sign, and then he sat down and gazed at the floor.

The beautiful girl wailed her arms about the neck of her sister levee, and she was not long in making him promise that he would leave them no more.

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FISHING EXTRAORDINARY.

A man exulted down, a tiger old salt, relates the rambled as one of his fishing exploits:

Open with a friend he went out to catch hell-

fish. His comrade perished in the bushes, and he, too, who should capture the fish, died.

He had a tiger by the tail, and with his mouth full of fish, he had a tiger by the tail,

As long as the contrivance of the captain's nose began to light up in, and presently he rolled out, and

He had a tiger by the tail, with great vigor.

It meant to be long, and he had a tiger by the tail,

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It was indeed evident that a big fellow was at the older end of the line, and it was soon discovered that it was so easy to capture to cap-

ture him but him," said he, and he had a tiger by the tail.

Accordingly, he gave him line, which was carried to the bottom, and he had a tiger by the tail, and he had a tiger by the tail, and he had a tiger by the tail,

"Stand by, captain," said he, "with the hook-bait, and he had a tiger by the tail, and he had a tiger by the tail."

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